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SUBJECT: U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING, GENEVA,
FEBRUARY 2 TO MARCH 5, 1976 - ELECTION OF
CHAIRMAN

REF: (A) STATE 8359 AND (B) USUN 111

AS INDICATED IN REF. A THIS YEAR IS LAS TURN FOR CHAIRMAN-
SHIP OF SUBJECT MEETING. IF LAS DO NOT AGREE ON ANOTHER
CANDIDATE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CUBA WOULD MOVE TO FILL THE
VACUUM AND BE ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THIS MEETING DEVOTED
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TO HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH WOULD BE MOST IRONIC.

CONTRARY TO REF. B URUGUAY IS NOT TAKING LEAD WITH OTHER LAS ON THE COMMISSION TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON LA CANDIDATE OTHER THAN CUBA. URUGUAY HAS INDICATED IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT A CANDIDATE AND WOULD ACCEPT CANDIDACY ONLY IF LAS GOT TOGETHER AND AGREED TO SUPPORT URUGUAY AND EVEN THEN ONLY IF A CANVASS OF DELEGATIONS FROM OTHER AREAS SHOWED FULL COMMISSION WOULD ACCEPT LA RECOMMENDATION.

THERE ARE INDICATIONS FROM BOTH USUN AND GENEVA THAT ECUADOR IS BEING MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATE. THIS SEEMS TO BE THE MOST PROMISING ALTERNATIVE TO CUBA AT THE MOMENT.

REQUEST YOU CONTACT FOREIGN OFFICE ALERTING THEM TO THE PROBLEM AND SEEK TO HAVE COSTA RICAN DELEGATE TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING IN GENEVA INSTRUCTED TO TAKE THE LEAD IN ACHIEVING AGREEMENT AMONG THE LA COMMISSION MEMBERS ON AN LA CANDIDATE OTHER THAN CUBA. UNDERSTAND COSTA RICAN DELEGATION LEAVING FROM SAN JOSE SO APPROACH AT USUN NOT FEASIBLE.

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